Corporation of India Limited and National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal covers aspects such as modernisation of plan and machinery, rationalisation of work force, capital restructuring and financial assistance for working capital etc.

Contract given to private agencies by CIL

733. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited have given contract for off-loading, clearing and forwarding to private agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Coal India Limited have further decided to shift the job of importing raw materials/machineries from Calcutta Port; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Import of materials and machineries by CIL continues to be done departmentally through Calcutta Port. There is no decision to shift the job of importing raw materials/machineries from Calcutta Port. However, because of obstructions by certain sections of the contract workers at Calcutta Port between December, 1989 and March, 1990, one ship load of equipment for CIL was diverted to Vizag and another consignment of some tyres was diverted to Madras port. For clearing only these two consignments, agents were engaged.

Orders placed with SSI units by ECL

734. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ECL have received representation from the SSI representatives from Asansol;

(b) if so, whether the representations are about awarding ancillary status to the SSISs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SSI, are not being given orders; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and when orders would be awarded to such units?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) ECL Headquarters has placed orders for about Rs. 5 crores on different SSI units during 1989-90.

Power crisis in Eastern India

735. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the causes of the June power crisis which took place in Eastern India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was its impact on industry, mining, transport, etc; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) A grid disturbance took place in the Eastern Region on the night of 25th/26th June, 1990 which was caused due to inadequate generation of power, lack of grid discipline, inadequate reactive compensation, inadequate transmission and communication facilities, lack of trained manpower for load despatch, etc. The resultant power shortage affected adversely the functioning of collieries, mining and industry etc.